

REMARKS

1. Amendments and Pending Claims

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-54 and added new claims 55-87. Claims 55-87 are currently pending. Of the pending claims, claim 55 and 67 are independent.

2. Claim Rejections

In the office action mailed July 24, 2007, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-54 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application no. 10/610,402. The Examiner stated “[t]his is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.” (Emphasis original).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-54. Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1-54 is now moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

3. New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 55-87. Applicant submits that claims 55-87 do not claim the same invention recited in any of claims 1-54. Applicant submits that claims 55-87 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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